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## THE WEEKLY COLONIST.

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### California Trade with Vancouver Island.

We copy the following article from the *Alta California* newspaper of San Francisco, under date of May 26th. The article is a fair statement of the trade of San Francisco with Victoria for the past two years, and furnishes a tabular statement of the exports from that port to Victoria. The total exports are stated as follows:

1858—April	\$12,967.00
May	17,902.54
June	129,005.86
Total second quarter 1858	\$150,875.40
July	8608.587.44
August	212,765.56
September	52,451.79
Total third quarter 1858	\$93,804.79

October

November

December

Total fourth quarter 1858

1859—January

February

March

Total first quarter 1859

April

May

June

Total second quarter 1859

July

August

September

Total third quarter 1859

October

November

December

Total fourth quarter 1859

1860—January

February

March

Total first quarter 1860

April to 25th, 1860

The *Alta* then goes on to comment on and account for the rapid increase in the shipments for the first four months of the year 1860, as follows:

It will be observed, from the foregoing statistics, that the Fraser river gold excitement suddenly culminated in July, 1858, and as rapidly declined, the exports of August of that year not reaching one third of those of the month preceding, and those of September falling off to less than one-twelfth. Since the termination of that quarter, the regularity to which we have referred has been observable. At present, however as before suggested, those exports seem on the increase, and this fact to some is a marvel, in view of the almost absence of interest that is felt for the mines of British Columbia. It will be seen that already in the second quarter of 1860, we have exported to Victoria at a rate which would give us for the entire quarter a total of \$530,424, or \$173,496, over the first quarter of the year. This ratio of increase may not continue till the end of the quarter, yet there is no probability to the contrary, in view of the monthly shipments of the present year.

The question which presents itself is, as suggested, why is it that, notwithstanding that but a few thousand persons remain in the gold mines of British Columbia, so large an amount of goods continues to flow towards Victoria? Will the passenger movements at this port throw any light on the subject? Let us see. The following have been the arrivals from, and the departures for, Victoria, for the two years ending March 31st, 1860:

Arrivals Depart's

April 1st to December 31st, 1858... 12,884 21,930

January 1st to December 31st, 1859... 5,013 2,313

January 1st to March 31st, 1860... 554 201

Totals... 19,051 27,534

This would leave a balance in favor of British Columbia, derived from this port alone, of 8,483 persons. It may be said that many persons, during the early part of the gold excitement, lost their lives by accident, or the hostility of the Indians, and that from this cause the number mentioned would be much reduced; but it is well known that, independent of those emigrating from this port, thousands flocked to the newly-discovered gold mines, by land, from the upper part of this State, and from Oregon. Beside, the departures from this port for American ports on the Sound, are not included in the statistics given, and it is well known that the emigrat-

tion from Europe to Vancouver Island and British Columbia has been by no means inconsiderable.

But the most reliable information obtainable does not place the white population of Victoria and British Columbia inclusively at above five or six thousand persons. Where, then, do the consumers come from, or what becomes of the large amount of merchandise sent monthly from this port, to say nothing of the Victoria exports from the Sandwich Islands and Europe, or the flour, provisions and fruits from Oregon?

This difficulty, it seems to us, can find but one means of solution. Because there are but few people at Victoria, or in the mines, it does not follow that there is but a small population in the adjacent American possessions. Thousands who have sought the mines to realize but disappointment, have settled in Washington Territory, and look to Victoria for supplies of such articles of necessity or luxury as they do not themselves produce. And in this they have a motive of no common force. Victoria is a free port. No duties are charged on merchandise imported, and hence the merchants of Victoria can profitably compete with, and, indeed, undersell, the merchants of the adjacent localities, in regard to all goods not American. This gives them a decided advantage over their Sound neighbors and, indeed, renders Victoria a more desirable place of purchase, in many respects, than San Francisco. If goes, at other ports dutiable, are wanted, of course, Victoria is resorted to, freight from San Francisco to Victoria being offset by the absence of duty on the goods purchased. A large portion of our exports to Victoria are purchased in bond, and hence are laid down at Victoria free of duty. Purchasers from the adjacent districts have few, if any, restrictions on their transfer to the American side, unless in large packages at the few points guarded by the officers of the American customs.

It is no wonder, then, leaving out of consideration that the Indians, who are progressing to some extent in civilization, and are becoming consumers of merchandise, particularly articles of food and raiment—it is no wonder, then, that the trade of Victoria should show a healthful increase—and it would be stranger if those having at heart the prosperity of the place should regard with jealousy the rapidly increasing settlement of the American borders of the Sound, for such increase has preserved their town from a decay as inevitable as that which marked the mining pretensions of those districts which it was called into existence to supply. And while the present policy of "no duties" continues to be exercised, we shall expect to see no diminution in the exports of merchandise in that direction.

A man named Willis Graves, living in Cleveland, Ohio, has been detected in the barbarous crime of attempting to starve his mother to death. The son has recently married a second time, since which occurrence both he and his wife have treated the mother in the most inhuman manner. When the son was remonstrated with for his unnatural conduct, he sneeringly asked, "What is the use of taking bread from the living and giving it to one three-quarters dead?" The poor woman has been provided for.

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A. DE COSMOS, - - - EDITOR.

## TO ADVERTISERS.

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Thursday Morning, May 17, 1860.

## No Wonder They Won't Investigate.

After such astute forensic displays as have been made by the Attorney General to force through Estimates wholly at variance with our limited capabilities, one would naturally imagine from the organ that the government had great cause for congratulation on the House going into COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY. But he who would take the hectic flush on the cheek of the consumptive, for the rosy hue of health, would not be more deceived, than those who congratulate the country, because the vote of Supply was carried through the absence of Mr. McDonald in consequence of domestic affliction. "Don't cry before you are out of the woods," is a sage remark in new countries, to those who lose their way; and the moral might yet be drawn by the Obstructives to their great chagrin. But whatever shape matters may take, certainly the Executive has great cause, when he hears of his Minister's efforts in his behalf, to exclaim, "Save me from my friends." For instance: during the debate in Committee of Supp'y, Mr. Cary stated that the Governor had expressed no opinion as to whether Mr. Cridge was entitled £400 a year as Colonial Chaplain under his agreement with the H. B. Co., or not. The natural inference from this is, that when he submitted it in the Estimates he was only putting in useless matter; and was thus taking up the time of the House on a subject of the justice of which he had no opinion. Such is not an over-favorable light for a vizier to represent his sultan in. Well may he exclaim, "Save me from my friends." But there is no truth in Cary's statement—facts are against it. For since the expiration of Mr. Cridge's five years service, in September last, His Excellency has actually paid him his stipend. Had he no opinion about that? Mr. Gosset did not pay it out without an order, and the order was given; yet the £400 a year was put in the Estimates without an opinion. With such contradictory statements and acts, it is easily seen why they want to shirk the accounts. The chaplain's salary was not the only smuggling done. The Treasurer's report says that £4,057 7s 2d, for land sales was never paid over to the Treasurer. What has become of it? The Treasurer's statement does not show. And yet no investigation into the accounts can be admitted! The real state of the case is: the Surveyor General receives £4,057 7s 2d, and does as he pleases with it. And Cary and Co. say—"We won't inquire into it." Now, if in 1859 £4,057 7s 2d has been spent unconstitutionally by the Surveyor General, how much has been spent from 1849 to 1859? Solve it who can; but Cary and Co. won't help you. They will not investigate. They know too much and fear the consequences. But there was more smuggling still. The Royal Hospital was suffering for funds last fall, as it is now. The last Assembly voted to loan the library fund of £250 to the hospital. When the Governor applied to Mr. Dallas for it, he found no such sum in the books; but he said that when Chief Factor Finlayson returned from British Columbia it would be inquired into. That gentleman returned, and still no account is given of the whereabouts of the missing £250. We are firmly impressed with the conviction that Mr. Finlayson is not mixed up in the matter. But whether others are in like condition is questionable. Still the hospital, so much in want of money, cannot have it; and what is more strange still, the Obstructives will not inquire as to its whereabouts, and pay it over. Are they not honest men? In some countries for less, men have served their country in more questionable structures and under closer watching than is common in Bird Cage Walk.

But smuggling has been carried to a greater extent than many suppose. In the letter of the Governor to the Assembly in answer to their protest against the erection of the new buildings, he said the Company would defray all the expenses, and yet money has been diverted from other sources for the purpose. Is this the reason why investigation is not courted? Even telegraphing to a considerable extent was carried on to induce Mr. Gosset to make a different statement, lugging in the funds expended by Pemberton as *bona fide*: yet he would not do it. No wonder then they won't investigate.

The "CALEDONIA"—The steamer Caledonia has been thoroughly repaired, and is again in running order.

EXAMINATION OF BIRNEY AND HAWKURST.—The examination of Wm. Francis Birney, yesterday morning, on a charge of attempting to assault one of the jailors on Tuesday morning, was had before Judge Pemberton, in the Police Court. The jailor testified that he went into the cell occupied by Birney, Hawkurst and others, on Tuesday morning, and that the former attempted to lock the cell door upon him, and struck him with his irons. The testimony of a prisoner convicted of a minor offence was taken, from which it appeared that, although in his cell at the time, he only saw Birney make a motion towards the jailor. The Judge committed him for trial before the Court of Sessions. The case of Birney and Hawkurst for conspiring to break jail, was then heard. The evidence went to show that the irons of convicts had been filed in such a manner that they could be thrown off at any moment, and that a break was meditated. The Judge sent them both up for trial to the higher court. Both prisoners appeared in the dock with their heads shaved close to the scalp. Birney wore a white silk handkerchief tied around his head, while Hawkurst's cranium appeared in all its nakedness. Birney cross-examined the witnesses closely, and exhibited a recklessness which was evidently only assumed. His eyes are sunken in his head, his form emaciated, and his whole appearance denotes that his mind is ill at ease. Hawkurst has a sunny, boyish expression in his countenance, and looks like anything else but a hardened criminal; he would occasionally burst into a fit of laughter at the odd expression of some of the witnesses, and is evidently not hardened in the ways of vice. Additional measures will be taken by the authorities to prevent the escape of these men, and heavier irons than they have heretofore worn have been ordered.

THE GREAT PRIZE FIGHT.—Considerable doubt is thrown upon the genuineness of the report of the prize fight between Sayers and Heenan in England, and many think that the fight never came off at all. In olden times, before telegrams and railroads were introduced, it was quite a common occurrence for the wage of a seaport town to procure the publication of a bogus "extra," and start it off before the mail-hours, on purpose to sell the folks in the interior of the country, with late and important news on various topics. It may be that the same trick has been played on the Californians. The next steamer will decide the matter, however; and we advise those who have money staked upon the result of the contest, to wait for further intelligence from below.

THE VOICE OF THE COMPANY.—Is the signature of an anonymous communication handed in yesterday. It states that the Deluge Engine Company's flag, which our reporter honored with a notice on Tuesday morning, "was designed to represent different nationalities, and is considered by them an appropriate and handsome gift" (!) We are glad the company are pleased with the flag, but at the same time would remark, "there is no accounting for taste."

DESERTERS.—Officer Cary, having learned that several sailors had deserted from H. M. S. Topaze, on Monday, proceeded on board the clipper ship Red Rover, bound out, and after a diligent search, succeeded in finding three of the gentlemen stowed away in a water butt. They were brought before Judge Pemberton and subsequently sent back to their ship.

PRACTICE.—The Tiger Engine Co. tested their apparatus on Tuesday evening, from the cistern in the rear of Hibben & Carswell's building. The engine seemed to work well, and threw a very fair stream, although the "chuck" was not of the sweetest description.

NEW HOTEL.—The large building at the corner of Yates and Douglas streets, has been fitted up in a superior manner for an hotel by D. F. Adams, the owner. We understand it is offered at reasonable rent to any person desiring to establish a first class hotel.

SALE OF SALLAS ISLAND LANDS AT AUCTION.—At 11 o'clock on Tuesday next, 22nd inst., the public lands on Sallas Island will be sold by public auction at the Land Office, James Bay. The upset price will be 6s. per acre.

THE GLIMPSE.—We are informed that this bark can be very easily repaired; and we hope she will bring many more cargoes of goods into our harbor.

THE MATE OF THE OTTER was yesterday fined 5s. for throwing refuse into the harbor.

EXAMINATION OF JOHN STICKLES.—The examination of John Stickles, charged with throwing a rope-ladder over the fence of the jail-yard, took place on Tuesday morning, before Judge Pemberton. The rope-ladder, which was made of marlin, an old case-knife, (the edge of which had been converted into a saw,) and a small hand-saw file, were produced in court. The knife and file were found in the cell occupied by Birney and Hawkurst. There is no doubt, from the evidence given below, that an escape was meditated by Birney and Hawkurst, although Mr. Stickles may not have been interested in it. D. B. Ring, Esq., appeared for the prisoner.

John Bayley, Superintendent of Police testified that about 4 o'clock on Monday afternoon, he was informed that a rope-ladder had been thrown over the wall; went to the rear of the prison, on the alley, and saw Stickles standing in the vicinity of the jail and knowing him to be a companion of Birney, arrested him on suspicion of having thrown the rope over. Stickles lives on Yates street; is a turner of wood.

Jas. Barnwell, a colored carpenter, testified to seeing the prisoner pass by the jail fence several times during the afternoon of Monday.

Edward Wright, jailor, testified that on Monday about half-past three o'clock, p. m., he noticed something unusual in the demeanor of the prisoners, and on looking around discovered a rope-ladder lying near the privy in the yard; picked it up and locked the prisoners in their cells, and sent for Mr. Bayley. Birney was breaking stone in the yard at the time; Hawkurst was in the inner yard; there was a something in the conduct of the prisoners that excited my suspicion; three of the prisoners were grouped together, the rope might possibly have been in the possession of one of the prisoners; examined the irons of all the prisoners; found the irons of Hawkurst with the rivets cut; Birney's irons had the angle-band cut through; were covered with a slip of iron and muslin, and were stuck together with something like soft pitch.

Geo. Pearkes, Esq., testified to knowing the prisoner in Canada; came to California with him, and would trust him with untold gold.

D. W. Gordon, sworn—Knew the prisoner as an upright man; heard him say yesterday morning to some members of the fire department that he would go down in the course of the afternoon and look at the new flag of the Deluge Company; thinks that was his business in the vicinity of the jail, at the time he was arrested.

Superintendent Bayley examined the coat of the prisoner in court, and detected no smell of tar; the rope is a tarry one.

Jas. Barnwell recalled.—At the time the prisoner passed he had his coat buttoned up and his arms folded.

The Police Judge thought he saw sufficient evidence to send the case to the higher court; and admitted the prisoner to bail in the sum of £400.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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At 10½ A. M. by the Rev. E. Evans, D. D.

At 3 P. M. by the Rev. M. Macfie, Congregational Minister.

At 6½ P. M. by the Rev. E. White, of New Westminster.

The Services will be continued on Sabbath the 27th, when the Rev. E. Robson, of Hope, and A. Brownrigg, of Nanaimo, will officiate at 10½ A. M. and 6½ P. M.

A collection will be made at each of the above Services, to defray the expenses of erection.

N. B.—The Rev. Dr. Peck, of San Francisco, has been invited; and should he arrive, will take one of the Services on the 29th.

### A TEA MEETING

Will be held in the spacious Lecture Room of the Church, on WEDNESDAY, the 23d inst., at 6½ P. M., when addresses will be delivered by several Ministers and other gentlemen.

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Victoria, V. I., May 16, 1860.

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**THE "RED ROVER".**—This splendid clipper ship, in leaving the harbor on Monday evening at low tide, grounded on the bar off Major Bay. She got off at high water, and was towed out by the Wilson G. Hunt on Tuesday evening, and anchored in the outer harbor. A former captain of this vessel, we learn, had placed an attachment upon her for money due; but failing to furnish the proper security, the vessel was allowed to proceed on her voyage.

**COMMISSIONER.**—Those having business to do in California requiring the services of a Commissioner of that State, will be pleased to learn that Governor Downey has appointed and commissioned our well-known and universally-respected townsmen, George Pearkes, Esq., to be a Commissioner for California at this place.

**ARMING THE JAILORS.**—The jailors of the prison have each been ordered to procure a Colt's six-shooter, in order to protect themselves in future from the assaults of the convicts; and also, to wing the birds in their flight, should a "break" be consummated.

**DONATION.**—As a token of the manner in which three seamen of the ship Red Rover were treated at the Royal Hospital, under charge of Dr. Trimble, Capt. Cummings, in addition to paying the expenses of their board and treatment, donated ten dollars for its support.

**SHIPMENT OF GOLD DUST.**—The total amount of gold dust shipped by Wells, Fargo & Co., by the two last steamers, was: per Panama, May 11th, \$33,975; per Pacific, May 14th, \$13,827. Total, 47,802.

**GONE UP.**—His Excellency Governor Douglas and suite, left for a tour of observation through the upper country, on Tuesday morning.

**HEAVY.**—The new irons forged for the convict Birney weigh fourteen and a half pounds; and those for Hawkurst, fourteen pounds.

**ROYAL THEATRE.**—The theatre was filled to overflowing last evening. The performances were excellent, and the audience highly pleased.

**IF A clootchman was fatally stabbed near the bridge last evening by a jealous Indian lover.**

**News from Above.—The Yale Robbers fairly Caught.**

The steamer Beaver arrived about nine o'clock last night from the river. Ballou's Express will be down on the Hunt to-day, with \$12,000.

Jas. H. Batterson, Esq., the well known up-country expressman, sends us the following from Fort Yale, under date of 14th instant:

Sprague, the notorious, after an examination in the matter of the robbery of Roma's store, was discharged. He was ordered to leave town, however, and did so, going up river. At the Spuzem Ferry, it was noticed that he had a flour sack packed on an Indian, which seemed to be rather heavy, and Mr. Frank Way followed him to Boston Bar. At that place his room was entered by Mr. Way at night, and in the sack \$1800 was found, which is known to be part of the money stolen, from a paper found in one of the purses. The news was brought to Yale, and the officers are on their way to bring him down. This was made known to the two men still in jail and one of them made a full confession, implicating Sprague and others; but said he did not know where the rest of the money was.

A large number of men are said to have arrived at Thompson River from Oregon.

The bark Perkins is near the mouth of Fraser River, working up.

The report of the death of Thomas Barry, of Fort Yale, is contradicted.

#### House of Assembly.

TUESDAY, May 15, 1860.

The House met at half past three o'clock. Present—Speaker Helmeke, and Messrs. McDonald, Green, Coles, Cooper, Waddington, Franklin, Tolmie, Cary, McDonald, Foster, Crease, and Southgate.

The House went into Committee of the whole on the Estimates; Mr. Waddington in the chair.

Mr. Cary said he would not ask the House to come to a vote to-day upon the Estimates; but he should represent his views, and give each member an opportunity to do the same.

He then reviewed the Estimates, and commented upon the items favorably, with the exception of an allowance of £400 to the Rev. Mr. Cridge as Colonial Chaplain; and he wished it to be distinctly understood that he should oppose giving that chaplain or any other clergyman one shilling. He wished to see no State Church here. It might do well enough at home, but should not be allowed in this country. [Hear, hear]. The Governor himself did not think the contract with Mr. Cridge binding. The public school appropriations should be well considered by the House; he thought the Craigmor school at least should be allowed something.

Mr. Foster asked the hon. gentleman how it was, if the Governor did not consider the Rev. Mr. Cridge's salary as binding, that it appeared in the Estimates?

Mr. Cary.—His Excellency merely assumed that the salary is binding.

Mr. Foster.—His Excellency must have known whether it was binding or not. Her Majesty's representative had actually asked the Parliament to consider it. We are not asked to pass certain portions of the Estimates, but the whole of them. It was not the course of procedure in the matter which he would like to see.

Mr. Cary stated that the course of the Governor had been a proper one; but in his [Cary's] opinion, the contract was only binding upon the Hudson Bay Company, and not upon the colony.

Mr. Crease quite agreed with Mr. Cary, that the contract with Mr. Cridge had terminated at the

end of the five years, but the Estimates were not properly made out on that point; the Governor in every other colony is allowed his chaplain, and he thought it should be placed in that form before us.

Mr. Cooper regretted that the question had been opened at all. The Lord Bishop had given us to understand that the church should be self-supporting.

The Committee rose and reported progress to the House, and decided to go again into committee on the estimates on Tuesday next, 22d inst.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole on Mr. Waddington's resolution to provide for the printing of bills, Mr. Franklin in the chair.

Mr. Waddington stated that the House was nearly unanimous in admitting the necessity of having certain bills printed which might be presented to the House, and he thought a Printing Committee should be appointed to advertise for tenders for such work.

Mr. Helmeke thought a committee should be first appointed to inquire what the probable expense would be.

Mr. Cary was of opinion that a much more economical plan might be hit upon than printing the bills.

Mr. Waddington would consent to a special committee as proposed by Mr. Helmeke to make inquiries.

Messrs. Tolmie, Cooper, Coles, Crease and Foster, spoke in favor of Mr. Waddington's motion, and believed the printing of the bills highly necessary.

The committee rose and reported progress on Mr. Waddington's resolution.

Mr. Waddington then offered a resolution that a Special Committee of three, be appointed to report generally upon the expense of printing and other matters connected therewith. Adopted, and Messrs. Foster, Southgate and Waddington were appointed such committee.

Mr. Cary's resolution asking for a Select Committee to examine and report as to what measures were necessary to improve Victoria Harbor, was taken up, debated upon, and passed. And Messrs. Cooper, Green, Coles, Cary and Southgate, appointed as the committee.

Mr. Crease gave notice of a motion that His Excellency be requested to lay before the House copies of the correspondence between the Acting Treasurer of Vancouver Island and the Land Office and His Excellency, respecting the passage of money paid over to the Land Office, during the seven months ending Dec. 1859.

Mr. Foster gave notice of a motion that His Excellency be requested to furnish to this House the whole correspondence between this Colonial Government and the Hudson Bay Company's manager in this Island, regarding all the money demanded from him to be advanced to the Governor, from the beginning of April, 1859, to the end of March, 1859, for all colonial purposes whatever.

The House adjourned till Wednesday, at three o'clock, p. m.

WEDNESDAY, May 16, 1860.

House met at half past three o'clock. Present: Speaker Helmeke, and Messrs. McDonald, Cary, Franklin, Waddington, Crease, Green, Cooper, Gordon, Foster, Southgate.

Mr. Crease, from the committee on bill to provide for the Administration of Oaths by the Speaker, reported in favor of said bill, with slight amendment.

Mr. Foster's motion, requesting the Governor to furnish the correspondence between the Colonial Government and the Hudson Bay Company's manager in this Island, regarding all the money demanded from him to be advanced to the Governor for the use of the government was carried.

Mr. Crease introduced his resolution, requesting the Governor to furnish this House with the correspondence between His Excellency and the Acting Treasurer in regard to moneys paid into the Land Office. Carried.

Mr. Foster said he asked for the correspondence in order to remove any indeterminacy which might be supposed to exist in the correspondence already laid before the House.

Mr. Crease seconded the motion in a few remarks, and the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Waddington said there would be a dilemma arising in regard to the Election Committee, because there was a doubt as to the legality of the Chief Justice administering oaths.

The Speaker said that the committee should refer to precedents on the subject.

Mr. Waddington said the committee might have to postpone their investigations until the bill for the administration of oaths had been passed.

The Speaker said that the Bill could not be signed if it were passed, as the Governor had gone up country.

Mr. Foster said that His Excellency's absence at such a moment was very much to be regretted.

The matters before the Election Committee were of vital importance, and why was the Governor absent at such a time?

The Speaker said it was the fault of the House that the Bill had not been passed.

Mr. Cary said he had not been aware until yesterday that such a Bill was before the House, although on the committee to consider it.

Mr. Foster said he thought Mr. Cary should devote a few moments of his valuable time to fulfil his parliamentary duties.

Mr. Cary did not like such desultory side shots from the hon. gentleman, and if he had a motion to introduce, asking for information, he should be glad to second it.

The House then adjourned till Thursday, the 17th instant, at 3 o'clock, p. m.

#### CITY TRADE REPORT.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, May 16, 1860.

Some little stir was visible yesterday and to-day. The Beaver and Hunt carried up middling freights on Tuesday, and the Otter, which left this evening, was loaded principally with Hudson Bay Company goods. The news from above, however, although encouraging, was not of that satisfactory character which we should like to have received. Nothing positive is yet known of the Quesnel mines, and it is upon the presumed richness of that region that many heavy operations this Spring have been based. We think, however, that reliable news will soon be obtainable.

FLOUR—100 bbls Oregon Mills, common brands, sold at auction, to-day, at \$5 60; yesterday, 75 bbls Golden Gate, at \$6 25 @ \$6 37 1/2; 25 bbls common brand, at \$6 25.

BACON—Sales of prime, in small lots, at 17c per lb; ordinary, 16c 16 1/2c.

POTATOES—Puget Sound dull, at 1c per lb, shipments from California being soon expected. Sale of 2000 lbs Vancouver Island, at 2c per lb.

CHEESE—Prime Petaluma Dairy is offering at 35c, with light sales.

RICE—Sale of 10,000 lbs China, strictly No 1, sold yesterday, at 5c per lb.

SUGAR—Crushed Sugar, ex Kathleen, from Sandwich Islands, is offering at 14c per lb.

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**Daily Work.**  
Who lags for dread of daily work,  
And his appointed task would shirk,  
Commits a folly and a crime:  
A soulless slave—  
A paltry knave—  
A clog upon the wheels of Time,  
With work to do and store of health,  
The man's unworthy to be free  
Who will not give,  
That he may live,  
His daily toll for daily fee.  
No! Let us work! We only ask  
Reward proportioned to our task:  
We have no quarrel with the great:  
No feud with rank—  
With mill or bank—  
No envy of a lord's estate,  
If we can earn sufficient store,  
To satisfy our daily need,  
And can retain,  
For age and pain  
A fraction, we are rich, indeed.  
No dread of toil have we or ours;  
The more we work the more we win;  
We know our worth and weigh our powers;  
Success to trade!

And to the Corn that's coming in:  
And joy to him who, o'er his task,  
Remembers toll is God's own plan;  
Who working thinks—  
And never sinks  
His independence as a man.

Who only asks for humblest wealth,  
Enough for competence and health;  
And leisure when his work is done,  
To read his book  
By chimney nook,  
Or stroll at setting of the sun.  
Who toils as every man should toil  
For fair reward, erect and free:  
These are the men—  
The best of men—  
These are the men we mean to be!

**THE BARONY OF BROUHAM.**—The Queen has been pleased to extend the title of Lord Brougham and Vaux, hitherto limited to the present peer, to his surviving brother, Mr. William Brougham (formerly M. P. for Southwark and Master in Chancery), and to his male heirs. This is a most gracious act of the Sovereign, and will be appreciated by the public as a just tribute to the genius and public services of the veteran Henry Brougham.—*Observer.*

**A TIGER KILLED BY STRYCHNINE.**—The *Bombay Times* describes the killing of a tiger by strychnine. The tiger infested some low undergrowth at the end of a garden and it was resolved to destroy it. A buffalo recently killed by the tiger was taken, and a quantity of strychnine was strewed in the bitten flesh. The tiger came, ate as usual, and died immediately.

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Manager

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